

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of the Economic and Social Council

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Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank you all for inviting me to join this Steering Committee meeting today in the margins of 2016 HLPF.

This year's HLPF session is of critical importance for our common future, as it is the first meeting of HLPF after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this light, it is indeed very timely to address the role of GPEDC while the achievements and challenges of early implementation in year 1 of the 2030 Agenda are under discussion at the HLPF.

As you recall, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda recognizes the importance of development effectiveness in improving the quality and impact of development cooperation.

At the same time, the 2030 Agenda highlights the need for a revitalized global partnership to ensure that no one is left behind.

GPEDC provides a firm foundation to build such an inclusive, multi-stakeholder partnership, convening governments from both donor and recipient countries; South-South providers; international organizations; civil society; parliamentarians and the private sector, which will be essential to realizing transformative and universal SDGs.

Further, given the diversifying development cooperation landscape, better

understanding of different approaches among various stakeholders is vital. Through GPEDC, we can facilitate consensus around the shared principles for effective cooperation and better results.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The inclusive nature of GPEDC has particular relevance for the 2030 Agenda in galvanizing action and collaboration by all actors.

First, GPEDC plays a key role in promoting development partnerships at the country level, by focusing on the experience and impact on the ground, and motivates peer learning to support SDG implementation at the national level.

The existing GPEDC country and regional networks can be utilized as a vehicle to support the sharing of knowledge and best practices.

Second, GPEDC can complement UN processes related to the 2030 Agenda, such as Financing for Development (FfD) and SDG follow-up and review.

In particular, I wish to highlight that the GPEDC monitoring mechanism can enhance effective development cooperation, track progress, and identify lessons and challenges, through systematic assessments of country level lessons. This is another major strength of this unique partnership.

This is also an area where the GPEDC can provide tangible contributions by complementing the FfD/SDG review and follow-up mechanism. As the Global Partnership's monitoring becomes more robust with the recent 2nd round of monitoring exercises, it can better provide a qualitative data source for Financing for Development (FfD) and the SDG review process.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Value of the GPEDC deserves positive consideration by the UN and its member states. A great number of UN Member States already highlighted the significance of the development effectiveness agenda during discussions of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

For instance, there have been efforts to align the work of the GPEDC and the UN at the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) by adopting the joint roadmap. But more work should be done to reach out to a wider range of stakeholders, especially Southern partners and emerging economies.

In closing, I look forward to the Second High-level GPEDC Meeting to be held in Nairobi in November, which will be instrumental in sustaining our momentum and advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you. /End/